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SUBJECT: NPG: CIRCULATION OF US VIEWS ON THE NMA'S
SHORT-TERM MEASURES

REF: (A) STATE 185946 (DTG: 221705Z JUL 78)

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1. PURSUANT TO GUIDANCE IN REF A, WE CIRCULATED "US VIEWS" ON THE NMAS SHORT-TERM MEASURES DRAWING ON THE "US COMMENT" PORTIONS OF REF B. GIVEN THE CAVEAT IN PARA 2 OF REF B THAT WE COULD DRAW UPON "OTHER COMMENTS" AS APPROPRIATE "DURING DISCUSSION", WE DID NOT CIRCULATE THE "OTHER COMMENTS" IN WRITING EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE ALREADY PRESENTED THEM DURING STAFF GROUP DISCUSSIONS. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN FULLY CLARIFYING OUR POSITION IF WE COULD ALSO CIRCULATE THE "OTHER COMMENTS" IN WRITING.

2. REGARDING CLASSIFICATION, WE CIRCULATED THE "US CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMENTS" PORTIONS AS NATO SECRET/ATOMAL, GIVEN THE RD/FRD CLASSIFICATION OF REF B. HOWEVER, UPON REVIEWING THE "US COMMENTS" POSITIONS OF REF B, WE BELIEVE THESE PORTIONS AND HENCE WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY CIRCULATED TO NPG MEMBERS COULD BE DOWNGRADED TO NATO SECRET. IT APPEARS TO US THAT THE RD/FRD PORTIONS OF REF B ARE CONTAINED ONLY IN SOME OF THE "OTHER COMMENTS" PORTIONS,

AND, IF IT IS ACCEPTABLE TO CIRCULATE THEM TO NPG
MEMBERS IN WRITING, WE WOULD CLASSIFY THE RESULTING
DOCUMENT AS NATO SECRET/ATOMAL.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON:

. A. DOWNGRADING TO NATO SECRET THE "US COMMENTS"
PORTIONS OF REF B ALREADY CIRCULATED TO NPG MEMBERS AS
NATO SECRET/ATOMAL.

. B. APPROVAL TO CIRCULATE THE "OTHER COMMENTS"
PORTIONS OF REF B TO NPG MEMBERS AS NATO SECRET/ATOMAL.

TO SUPPORT FOCUSING ON NATIONAL POSITIONS, EVEN IN A
DETAILED ANNEX, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO RECEIVE GUIDANCE
IN TIME FOR THE 31 JULY STAFF GROUP MEETING SO THAT WE
MIGHT FURTHER DEMONSTRATE OUR "FORTHCOMINGNESS" ON
NATIONAL VIEWS. BENNETT

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